Nemo Mortalium Omnibus Horis Sapit



RITUAL

of the

ROYAL ANTEDILUVIAN ORDER
OF BUFFALOES



GRAND AUSTRALASIAN BANNER

C.Ch. - Will all Officers please robe

and take up their positions.

S.P. - Are all persons in this room Members of the Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes? Brethren, if there is anyone present who has not previously visited this Lodge. you will retire until the Lodge has been declared open, after which you may seek admission.

S.P. (giving one K. with his G.) City Tyler, secure the Tyle.

G.Ty. - Worthy Sitting Primo, the Lodge

is securely Tyled.

S.P. (giving three K...) City Marshall,

place the Lodge in Strict Business. 381 1 701

S.P. - Brethren, be upstanding and prove yourselves by giving the sign of the First Degree and Daniel Soil Marks (1984)

S.P. : City Marshal, have all brethren and

proved themselves?

C.M. - Worthy Sitting Primo, all breth-ren have proved themselves.

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S.P. - City Marshal, are all brethren

well and truly linked?

C.M. - Worthy Sitting Primo, all breches are well and truly linked.

S.P.- Beginning from the left, number: S.P.....good and true-hearted Buffaloes.

S.P.- Brethren, I,..... being Sitting Primo of this Lodge..... No..... on the Register of the Grand Australasian Banner of the Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes, do hereby declare this Lodge duly and legally opened for the transaction of Buffalo business in the name of Her Majesty the Queen and in the presence of all true and loyal Buffaloes and and and and and

Response: And so say all of us.

S.P. - Brethren, break the link, be seated and Officers take up your positions.

S.P.- City Registrar, have all brethren present registered?

C.Reg. - Worthy Sitting Primo, all brethren present have/have not registered. S.P. - City Merchal, are all begingen

S.P.- City Secretary will read the Minutes of previous meeting. Order of Business is as follows:-

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Proposition of new Members Proposition for affiliation of Members from other Sections. The second of

Investigation Committee Reports. Ballots; edelw boop ydiael reanogael

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Applications for affiliation by Members of the G.A.B. Ballots. . . pnishtl

Affiliations (Brothers to affiliate by taking Oath of Allegiance). bas I bas Motions, only public value - .M.J

Notice of Motions. Law are negretard

S.P.- Brethren, be upstanding and pay respect to our departed Members:

Afternoon Lodge 4.00p.m.: 1948 - 1948 Evening Lodge 9.30p.m.: only points

Strict business (none to be taken after departed brethren unless URGENT) General business (charges, etc.) to Liberty Hall.

Harmony.

Strict business for closing. Accounts (to be read and passed for payment).

Financial Statement (to be read). S.P. Anything for the good and welfare of the Order? (First time of asking). Response: Hearty good wishes. Anything, etc. (second time of asking). Response: Hearty good wishes. Anything, etc. (third time of asking). Response: Hearty good wishes. C. Ch. - Brethren, be upstanding and assist the S.P. to close the Lodge by linking. ____etollan .8 A. a odt lo S.P. - City Marshal, are all brethren well and truly linked? C.M. - Worthy Sitting Primo, all brethren are well and truly linked. Buffalo Song and God save the Queen. "S.P. - Beginning from the left, number:

Buffaloes.

S.P. - Brethren, I......being
Sitting Primo of this Lodge...., No....,
on the Register of the Grand Australasian
Banner of the Royal Antediluvian Order of
Buffaloes, do hereby declare this Lodge
duly and legally closed for the transaction

S.P....good and true-hearted

of Buffalo Business in the name of Her Majesty the Queen and in the presence of all true and loyal Buffaloes.

Response: And so say all of us. S.P. - Brethren, break the link and retire.

CHANGE - ROYAL CHAIR

Procedure to be adopted by all Lodges on the occasion of handling over control of the R.C.

City Chamberlain. To disrobe the Officer leaving the Royal Chair and robe the incoming Knight or Primo.

The following words to be used by the outgoing Officer - "Brethren, I am handing over the gavel and control of Lodge ...-from Knight/Primo.... and the Lodge is still in strict business".

The following words to be used by the incoming Officer - "Brethren, I am now taking over the gavel and control of Lodge.....from Knight/Primo.....and the Lodge is still in strict business".

CEREMONY OF INITIATION

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S.P. - Brethren, please remove your

weed and weed consumers.

C.Ch. - Give the Alarm.

C.Ty. - There is an Alarm, Worthy Sitting Primo a selebadgaba od ol ogubecoul

S.P. - City Tyler, you will ascertain

the cause of the Alarm.

C. Ty. - The City Chamberlain on business. Tead level sell series Lassill

S.P. - What is his business?

C.Ty. - He wishes to introduce a Candidate for initiation into our Ancient and Honourable Order on hos favor and rawy and

S.P. - What is his correct name?

S.P. - What is his correct age?

C. Ty. ma. i. . partition of the partition of the contract of

S.P. - City Secretary, has he (or they) been balloted for and accepted, and the Initiation Fee paid in full?

C.Sec. - Response. (Switch lights off and lights candles.) S.P. - Brethren, be upstanding.

C.P. - City Tyler, admit him (or them).

C.Ch. - Enters Lodge Room with Candidate, such Candidate shall have his right hand on the right shoulder of the Chamberlain who, walking in front of him leads him around the Lodge Room, and when at the nearest point to S.P., pauses:

S.P. - City Chamberlain, conduct the Candidate to the Worthy City Marshal.

C.Ch .- Worthy City Marshal (placing the right hand of the Candidate in that of the C.M.), I introduce Mr..... who wishes to become a Member of our Ancient and Honourable Order.

C.M. - Are you a true and loyal supporter of the Crown and Constitution; Response. (Should the Candidate answer in the negative, he shall be conducted from the Lodge Room).

C.M. - Do you enter this Lodge of your own free will and consent? Response.

C.M. - City Chamberlain, conduct the Candidate to the Royal Chair. (On leaving the C.M. each candidate is led to the S.P. by the left hand of C.Ch. on Candidate's 10 right elbow).

C.Ch .- Worthy Sitting Primo, I introduce Mr..... who seeks to become a Member of our Ancient and Honourable

Order.

(After presentation of Candidate, the C.Ch. immediately takes one pace backwards, and one pace to the left, bringing him behind the Candidate. In the case of two or more Candidates, the S.P. shall request Officers, or Members well conversant with the Ritual, to act as Chamberlain to each Candidate).

S.P. - Brethren, please be seated. (Candidate to remain standing)

S.P. - Worthy Candidate,-

You are about to become a Member of a Society, the principles of which are calculated not only to relieve the wants of the indigent and the sufferings of the distressed, but to promote Peace, Harmony and Good-fellowship throughout the world.

The objects of our Order are
Philanthropy and Conviviality. Let me here
premise that the Royal Antediluvian Order
of Buffaloes is ever working, in all its
Lodges throughout the world, helping and
stimulating Members to elevate and improve
themselves by their own free and independent action.

By the exercise of Philanthropy we develop the most noble attributes of civilised man that distinguishes him from the unenlightened child of natural and by practice of Conviviality, we seek to relieve our minds from the cares and troubles of the outer world, and unite ourselves in the bonds of friendship and brotherly love.

of friendship. The friendship that is to be practised by or expected from common mortals must take its rise from mutual pleasure and must end when the power ceases of delighting each other.

Friendship is often destroyed by opposition of interests - sometimes very slight opposition, scarcely known to mind, upon which they operate. A dispute begun in jest upon a subject which a moment before was regarded with careless indifference is continued by the desire of conquest till vanity kindles into rage and enmity.

is possessed of it, united with a strength of purpose, carries with him a power which is irrestible. He is strong to do good, strong to resist evil and strong to bear up in case of difficulty

or misfortune. It is the bounden duty of every man to aim at the possession of a good character as one of the highest objects of life.

There is truthfulness in action as well as words, which is essential to uprightness of character. A Man ought to be what he purports to be.

In the sixteenth century, Elizabeth, Queen of England, being satisfied that the principles of our Order were of great benefit to the community, as well as a strong support to any well-regulated government, presented us with a banner, bearing the motto, Nemo Mortalium Omhibus Horis Sapit, which, being freely interpreted, means: "Mortals are not wise at all hours".

But I will again remind you here that the principles and motives of our Order are Philanthropy and Conviviality; and let me impress upon your mind that you will best promote your own happiness by mitigating the sufferings of others of your less fortunate fellow creatures, and whenever a poor brother crosses your path give him whatever you can afford with a free and generous heart, saying:

"Take this, and fare better elsewhere". ' (C.Ch. places "D" in candidate's left hand). And now, let it be ever in your mind that even the humblest, if he sets before his fellow Members an example of industry, sobriety and upright honesty of purpose of life, has a present, as well as a future, influence upon the well-being of the whole of the whole of our Order, for his life passes unconsciously into the lives of others

and propagates a good character.

Guided by these precepts, and acting under the impulse of these sentiments, envy, hatred and malice will never enter your breast; whilst honesty and temperence will ever teach you to be true and just, and the recollection of this night of your admission to the Membership of the "Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes" will be as one radiant star, which you can ever look back upon with feelings of sincere pleasure, gratification and joy.

Worth Candidate, I hold in my hand a common Clay Pipe, the calumet of peace, emblem of mortality - for, as from Clay you came, to clay you must inevitably ... return. Upon this Pipe, cleansed by fire from all impurities, I am about to ask

you to subscribe to an obligation which all who are present expect will be as binding upon your conscience as an oath administered in a Court of Law. The obligation will not in any way interfere with your civil, moral, or religious duties. Are you, therefore, willing to subscribe to it?

Candidate. - I am.

Brethren. - Please be upstanding and stand to order.

S.P. - Mr....., or Gentlemen, you will take this C..P... in your R...H... and place same on your L...B... and repeat the following Obligation after me, and substitute your own several names where you hear me use mine.

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OBLIGATION

I, downhereby solemnly declare that I will never divulge the secrets, ... signs, or passwords which may be given to me in this or any other Lodge of the Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes. I will not write them or cause them to be written nor communicate them in any way, to anyone not known to me as a brother. I will at all times acknowledge Grand Lodge as the supreme head of the Order, and act in strict conformity with the laws and customs, as laid down from time to time. I will also to the extent of my power. succour and defend a brother, under any lawful circumstances, but especially those in difficulty or need. All these promises I sincerely make with the same solemnity that attaches to an oath.

S.P.- Worthy Candidate/s you will now K...the C...P...and C. Ch. will stand forth and administer the oath. (And does so by breaking C/P on Candidate/s L...S...)

S.P. - Kindles brazier. sagoro at myado and

Having been for a considerable time; in a state of darkness, what would you most like to see?

S.P. - City Chamberlain, let him behold.

CHORUS

eral ob vio (By all Members)

Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice and sing The glories of our Mystic Ring; Rejoice, rejoice, and do not mar The glory of our Mystic Star.

(The undermention to be entoned by a Member standing at rear of C.M. Chair, and repeated by all present).

Great and Might Spirity of Brotherly Love, assist us.

Feather-heeled Mercury, lend us thine

Nymphs and Naiads of the Juniper Fountain be always with us.
Spirit of true Buffaloism, hover around us.

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S.P. - City chamberleyn, let his beheld '

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It's crossed, it's crossed, it's crossed, It's crossed, it's crossed, It's crossed; It's crossed; The charm is crossed;

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S.P. - Brethren, be seated, (Candidate remains standing)

LECTURE ...

A Brother conversant with the Ritual may deliver same as from a position on left of S.P.

Worthy Brother - It is now a duty encumbent on me to explain the reason for the peculiarity of your preparation prior to entering the Lodge. You were blind-folded for several reasons. Firstly, as your mind was in a state of ignorance and darkness relative to our Order, so we, metaphorically, illustrated your mental condition by covering your eyes. Secondly, that on your own admission a question was submitted, enquiring if you entered on your own free will. Should you have replied in the negative, you would have been conducted back to where you came

from without being acquainted with the arrangements of the Lodge. And thirdly that having become duly obligated, the mist of ignorance which had so long dimmed your sight would be, symbolically removed by having the bandage taken off your eyes; the intention being that the heart might be taught to conceive before the eyes were permitted to see.

The three knocks on the Tyle, or door, before your admission have also their significance.

First, the encient exhortation. To seek and you shall find: Ask and it shall be given unto you: And knock and it shall be opened unto you. They also symbolise.

the three principles of our Order - Truth, Philanthropy, and Justice.

They also represent the three degrees - Kangaroo, Primo and Order of Merit. It is now my privilege to impart a little further information relative to the means of acquiring funds and definitions of various articles used in the Lodge.

You will have learn't from the lecture that our Order is of ancient origin, and so far as we can ascertain was in existence in England during the reign of Queen Elizabeth. At that period, tobacco was introduced into Britain, and was known as weed. Such term was used by our ancient brethren, and we desire to continue the use of this term as a landmark of the Order. The weed is described in various forms. Cigars are known as long sticks of weed, cigarettes as short sticks of weed. cut tobacco as soft weed and snuff as pulverised weed. The pipe used in consuming weed is termed a weed consumer, and matches are known as sticklights. Coming now to the element of conviviality, the various beverages imbibed have also their peculiar definitions. All fermented liquors are known as gatta, and spirituous liquors are known as juniper to wit, ale, beer or stout are known as gatta - for instance, upon your enquiry for a shandy, you must describe such as a shandy gatta. Rum, gin, whisky or brandy are known as juniper rum, and so c.

We now come to the coinage. The coin known as a cent to the unenlightened has to be spoken of by us as a D. and all coins under the valuation of one dollar shall be known by the number of D's represented. Now brother, beyond the payment of the initiation fee you are not called upon to subscribe a weekly contribution, but on all occasions when you attend a Lodge you are expected to pay a registration fee. The funds of the Order are maintained by a system of fines, collected from Members who may be charged with trivial offences and found guilty, and also from those who may submit charges and are unable to sustain them, and also donations for harmony atc. However, you are exempt from all fines at this meeting.

Now brother, in conclusion, I will make one request, and that is to attend your Lodge as often as you can. This is most important, as it means the very life of our Institution. Although your regular appearance is ernestly desired, yet it is not meant that this Organisation should interfere with your necessary duties, for those are on no account to be neglected. Neither are you to suffer your zeal for the Institution to lead you into arguments with those who, through ignorance, may ridicule it, and while in the Lodge to refrain from comments on religion or politica Be it clearly understood that our Order is non-political, non-sectarian and nondenominational. Finally, keep sacred and inviolable the secrets imported to you, as these are to distinguish you from the rest of the community and to mark your consequence among your fellows. If in the circle of your acquaintances you find a person desirious of being initiated into our honourable Order, be particularly attentive not to recommend him unless you are convinced that he will conform to our rules, that the honour, glory and reputation of our Organisation may continue firmly astablished, and the world at large convinced of its good

Charge - A Brother conversant with this shall deliver same (rom a gosition on right of S.P.

You will observe these emblems of peace now broken before you. In remote ages, instead of these, it was customary, on admitting a candidate in this most honourable Order, to present swords at him,

as a warning that the secrets, signs, and passwords entrusted to his care were not to be trifled with, these being always given to him in the strictest privacy. In this enlightened age, however, your oath and word of honour are deemed sufficient; but should you prove unworthy of our confidence by divulging any of the secrets entrusted to you, your word of honour as a man and your oath as a Buffalo will become as broken and as worthless as these pipes now lying before you. S.P. - Link, brothers.

S.P. - Worthy City Marshal, are all Brethren well and truly linked?

C.M. - Response.

S.P. - I will now draw your attention to the manner in which all brothers are linked R.A. over the L.A. and linking with the L.F. Some other Banners link thus but all Lodges under the

Grand Australasian Banner link with the L. F. Either is a true Buffalo link, and will carry you through any Lodge in the World. This link is your pledge of brotherhood, and is symbolical of an endless chain of friendship, which we trust in the

case of all friends will never be broken. I will now direct your attention to our dispensation granted to us by the Grand Lodge, giving us the right to hold these meetings.

S.P. - From the left, number.

S.P. -Sitting Primo of this Lodge.....No.....on the Register of the Grand Australasian Banner of the Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes, do hereby declare Bro. duly initiated into the mysteries of Buffaloism, with the exception of the signs, P.W's and salutations, which will now be imparted to . him, in the name of Her Majesty the Queen and in the presence of all true and loyal Buffs.

S.P. -Brethren, break the link.

Lights are now turned on.

S.P. - City Chamberlain, place the candidate before the R.C. and the other Brethren will be seated.

S.P. - Leaves the R.C. and from the floor of Lodge: Brother it is now my duty to impart the Signs, P/W's and Salutations (which he does). Now, with the assitance of the C. Ch. I will give an. illustration of how you enter a Lodge.

S.P. - Again takes up his position in the R.C. (All movements in and out of R.C. must be anti-clockwise).

S.P.- City Chamberlain, conduct the Brother to the Secretary's table, where he will sign the Register.

C.Ch. - Worthy Sitting Primo, the

Register has been signed.

S.P. - City Chamberlain, conduct the Brother to his seat.

S.P. - City Chamberlain, you will please retire, and give a practical demonstration to the new Brother of how he would work his way into a Lodge.

(After C.Ch. has entered and addressed Royal Chair, addressing New Member/s S.P. says: That concludes the Ceremony of your Initiation Brother/s. You are invited to attend the next meeting of the Lodge which meets on..... when you will be presented with your Certificate of Membership, Rule Book, etc.)

LECTURE ON EMBLEM

Worthy Brother - It is my privilege to present to you your Certificate of Membership of the Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes, Grand Australasian Banner.

This beautiful emblem is full of symbolism. The Corinthic fluted pillers attract attention first. It will be observed that they support a connecting erch, bearing a scrip which carries the name of the Order and our Banner. Thus is formed an entrance denoting that one has come from unenlightened and now enters upon knowledge of the ancient mysteries of Buffaloism. It will be noted that the two pillers carry a scrip setting out the motives, objectives or principles of our Order - Philanthropy and Conviviality - together with the tenets which essentially raise therefrom namely Truth and Justice. These principles and tenets are indeed the strength of our Order.

The Corinthic columns are not, it will be seen, resting on visible foundations, appearing to rise from a lush grassy meadow. The symbolism here is the Order is very ancient; its foundations are deep beneath the surface. Buffaloism is, indeed, of ancient origin. In the centre of the arch, surrounded by

ornamental work, is a large red shield on which is emblazoned the head of a bull buffalo. This is emblematic of the ideals of knighthood - the protection of the weak, the succour of those in troonle and difficulty, the relief of those in want. These are the busic laws of Buffaloism. On top of the shield is represented a Knights vizor with oak leaves - the ancient symbol of Royalty.

The female figures on either side, the one bearing a harp and the other a horn of plenty or cornucopia, represent mythical goddesses of Harmony and Agriculture. The meaning, of course, is that Buffaloes unite in harmony and festivity but the word "Harmony" does not merely mean music - it means friendship and brotherhood; and the horn of plenty does not signify quittony, but carries the implication that man must work and that if he does work he will be rewarded with plenty. A GO CALCAVA NO LEGISLES AND SERVICES AND SE

On the scrip across the top is the motto of our Order, granted to us by Queen Elizabeth - "Nemo Mortalium Omnibus Horis Sapit" which being freely interpreted, means: "Mortals are not wise at all hours".

Come, now, back to the green meadow denoting freedom, lack of restraint. Through this flows a limpid stream of water, arising in the distant hills. This, of course, represents the stream of Truth undefiled. Across it is a weir. suggesting the prudence and care that good Buffaloes must exercise. This makes the stream above quite placid, denoting the pleasure and sutisfaction to be derived from Buffaloism.

Crossing the stream by a ford is a knight riding a gaily caprisoned charger, vizor closed and lance at the ready. He is prepared to meet any emergency and resist the forces of evil he is ready to render assistance to anybody who is hard pressed, and representents the Knight of the Order of Merit Degree. In the shadow is a Bull Buffalo. He is the Primo Buffo, representing the Second Degree of our Order. He also stands for strength and purpose; he is not readily turned aside from his course. On the other side of the of the river is the Australian animal, the Kangaroo, depicting the First Degree of our Order; he is on the alert, head turned over shoulders symbolic of being always on the watch for the enemies of good fellowship and peace. At the foot of the pillers are some cural ptus leaves and the wattle and waratahs at the top are emblematic with the eucalyptus of course, of Australia.

It is a simple emblem, yet how full of meaning. Preserve it as a reminder of all it stands for.

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE OF MEMBERS
AFFILIATING FROM ANY OTHER

S.P. - C.Ch. You will please present Bros...to the R.C.

C.Ch. -W.S.P., I present to you Bro... who has been accepted by this Lodge as a Member of the Grand Australaeian Banner.

S.P. - C.Ch. you will place this C..P. in the right hand of Bro... who will place the same on his L..B.

C.P. - Bro...you will repeat after me the following Obligation and substille your own several names where you hear me use mine.

S.P. - Brethren, be upstanding and stand to order.

I.... do hereby solemnly declare that, although acknowledging all due and legally constituted Lodges of the R.A.O.B throughout the world, I will from this time forward pay sole allegiance to and rank myself under the Grand Australasian Banner. I will at all times act in strict conformity with the rules and regulations of the Constitution. I will also abide

by the by-laws of Lodge....No....into which I am about to affiliate.

All these promises I sincerely make,

and on oath.

S.P. - C.Ch., stand forth and administer the oath.

S.P. - Brethren, be seated.

S.P. - C.Ch., please conduct Bro.... to the Secretary's table, where he will sign the Register and then be seated.

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AFFILIATING FROM ANOTHER LODGE

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S.P. - C.Ch., you will please present Bro..... to the R.C.

C.Ch. - W.S.P., I present to you Bro..., who has been accepted by the Members of this Lodge.

S.P. - C.Ch., you will place this C...P...in the right hand of Bro..., who will place same on his L...B....

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S.P. - Brethren, be upstanding, and stand to order.
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All these promises I sincerely make, and

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S.P. - C.Ch., you will stand forth and administer the Dath.

S.P. - Brethren be seated. 10 palisas

S.P. - C.Ch., please conduct Bro.... to the Secretary's table, where he will sign the Register, and then be seated.

DECLARATION OF S.P. ELECT

S.P. - C.Ch., you will please present

Bro..., the Sitting Primo Elect, to the R.C.
C.Ch. - W.S.P., it is with pleasure
that I present to you on behalf of the

Members of the Lodge... Bro. (Degree)....
(Sitting Primo Elect).

S.P. -C.Ch., you will place this C..... P... in the right hand of the S.P. Elect, who will place same on his L...B...

S.P. - (Degree) Bro..., you will repeat after me the following Declaration and substitute your own several names where you hear me use mine.

S.P. - Brethren, be upstanding and stand to order.

I,...., Sitting Primo Elect of this Lodge...No... on the Register of the Grand Australasian Banner, do solemnly promise on my honour as a man and a good Buff, that I will at all times faithfully discharge the duties about to be entrusted to me to the best of my ability with strict impartiality, fearing or favouring none; that I will at all times acknowledge Grand Lodge as the supreme head of the Order, and conduct the Lodge in strict accordance with the ancient usages and established customs of the Order, as sanctioned by the Grand Lodge of the Grand Australasian Banner.

S.P. - C.Ch., stand forth and administer the Oath.

S.P. - Brethren, be seated.

S.P. - Then installs the newly-elected Primo.

that I present to you on behalf of the Members of the Lodge... Bro. (Degree)... (Sitting Primo Elect).

S.P. -C.Ch., you will place this E....

